

# The Daily Courant.

Saturday, July 3. 1703.

From the Harlem Courant, dated July 10.

Linz, June 27.

Courier is pass'd through Grats to Vienna, carrying Advice, 'tis said, that the Republick of Venice is come into the Grand Alliance.

**A** They write from Switzerland, that the Cantons of Bern and Zurich, and the Abbot of St. Gall, have order'd several 1000 Men commanded by Collonel Disbach, to march towards their Frontiers, and secure all the Passes between Basil and Bregentz.

Ratisbon, July 2. The Elector of Bavaria is returning out of Tirol with the greatest part of his Forces, to joyn the Marshal de Villars and make Head against Prince Lewis of Baden. The Marshal de Villars lies intrench'd near Laupingen, near which place part of the Prince of Baden's Army (which is advanc'd to Gundelfingen) has pass'd the Danube and cut off 6000 French from their Army.

From Frankfort of the 4th 'tis advis'd, That the Duke of Burgundy is retir'd from Langenscheidel with his Army towards Strasburg; and that he is about to return to Paris.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated July 9.

Amsterdam, July 9. The Letter written by General Slangenberg to the States from the Camp at Lillo on the 2d instant, giving an exact account of the Battle fought on the 30th of last Month near Eckeren within 2 Miles of the Lines of Antwerp, could not be inserted intire in our this days Gazette, we can only give the following Abstract of it.

**N**O sooner was a Resolution taken by the Council of War, to send away the heavy Baggage on the 30th in the Morning to Bergen op Zoom, put in Execution, but the Marshal de Boufflers arriv'd in the Lines with a considerable Body of Horse, Dragoons and Infantry, and 70 Companies of Grenadiers, according to the Report of the Prisoners. He drew together all the Forces he intended to make use of without loss of time, being assisted by the Marquess de Bedmar, P. Tserclaes de Tilly, and the Duke de Villeroy Son of the Marshal; and they march'd all at once out of the Lines with so much Diligence, that he plac'd his Dragoons in Ambush before our Left Wing, and was advanc'd with the Main Body of his Army to Capelle in our Rear, before we had Intelligence of his March. But the Generals Slangenberg, Count Tilly and others, going round the Camp between 12 and 1, discover'd this Ambush, of which they advertis'd Monsieur Obdam, and order'd the Troops to their Arms. At the same time, a Sentinel that was plac'd in the Steeple of the Church of Eckeren, gave notice that the Enemy was advanc'd in great Numbers near Capelle. Upon which Monsieur d'Obdam resolv'd to retire to Lillo, and commanded 2 Squadrons of Dragoons to take Post at Houwen; but while he was preparing to draw off with the Army, he was inform'd that the Enemy had possess'd themselves of Houwen and had repuls'd our 2 Squadrons. Thus our direct Passage to Lillo was cut off. Brigadier Schulenberg being likewise de-

tach'd with 2 Regiments of Saxe Gotha towards Muysbroeck and Oteren, found both those Places in the Enemies Hands, whereupon he went and posted himself in Watering between Oteren and Muysbroeck. Hereupon a Resolution was taken to attempt to beat the Enemy out of those Posts, but they advanc'd to meet our Men, and attack'd the Baron d'Erberfelt Major General of the Troops of Munster; and between 2 and 3 a Clock in the Afternoon the Infantry on both sides were hotly engag'd. The great Superiority of the Enemy's Forces oblig'd us to alter our Measures, and the Generals Obdam and Tilly advanc'd with the Cavalry to drive the Enemy from the Diques of the Schelde, and force a Passage through Oteren to Lillo, which succeeded, and the Enemy were dislodg'd from Oteren. Mean time the Enemy's Foot and ours charg'd one another vigorously, continuing their Fire till between 7 and 8 in the Evening, especially on each side and along the Digue that is between Eckeren and Wilmerdonck, where General Fagel and the Majors General Friesheim and Erberfelt, distinguish'd themselves honourably; The 1st was wounded in the Head and in the Foot. But the Enemy perceiving we wanted Infantry to support the Regiments of Horse that had taken Post in Oteren, they took occasion to return to the Charge, regain'd that Post from us, and possess'd themselves of certain Sluyces between Oteren and Fort la Croix or Kruys Schans: By which we found our selves surrounded on all sides, having the Lines of Antwerp in our Rear, the Enemy in Front and on our Right, and Fort Philippine and the Schelde on our Left. In this perplexity General Slangenberg thought fit to send to Monsieur Obdam and Count Tilly to desire a Conference with them on the Means to extricate the Army. Answer was brought him, that General Obdam had been missing for some time. But Count Tilly came alone, and reported he believ'd Monsieur Obdam was either kill'd or made Prisoner. These 2 Generals then, resolv'd to put it to the Risque, and to push at all with the utmost Vigour. Accordingly Count Tilly order'd a Detachment of Horse led by Major General Hompes, to support the Infantry, which had been all the while engag'd with the Enemy's Foot (who were supported by their Horse) in as smart a Dispute as ever was seen. Major General Hompes acted with so much Conduct and Bravery, that he not only broke several Squadrons, and took some Standards and Kettle-Drums, but entirely defeated several of their Battalions, and follow'd them 3 quarters of a Mile. Our Brigadiers and Collonels, after their Men had spent all their Powder and Ball, commanded them to clap their Bayonets into the Muzzles of their Pieces, with which they ran upon the Enemy and drove all before them. In this long and terrible Conflict, the Ground along and upon the Digue was cover'd with Dead and Wounded Men. Mean time, General Slangenberg caus'd 2 Battalions to post themselves at the end of a Canal on the side of the Digue, and some Horse were plac'd behind them, giving them strict charge to maintain their Ground to the last Extremity. But after the rude Reception the Enemy had found, they had no heart to return to the Charge. Yet 4 Battalions



tallions that came out of Antwerp and Fort la Croix, with some other Troops, charg'd us in Flank and Rear; but were beaten off. Night coming on allay'd the Heat of the Fight. But our Communication with Lillo being cut off, and we surrounded still by the Enemy, the Generals Slangenburg and Tilly and Monsieur Hop conferr'd together, and a Resolution was taken to attack the Enemies that were posted in Oteren and the Sluyces with all possible Vigour, notwithstanding our Infantry had shot away all their Powder and Ball. And Major General Friesheim and Count Dhona a Brigadier were detach'd with 4 Battalions over some low enclos'd Grounds, where they were forc'd to wade through the Ditches up to the Waite, to attack the Enemy in Flank and Rear: General Slangenburg advanc'd along the Digue, with some Regiments of Foot, towards their Front; and Count Tilly with some Squadrons of Dragoons. These Troops attack'd the Enemies on all sides with that Fury, that they beat them both out of Oteren and the Sluyces; notwithstanding they had entrench'd themselves in those Posts, and drove them as far as the Fort de la Croix. Thus a free Passage being open'd along the Digue, our Army retir'd yesterday in good order to Lillo, where we are now encamp'd.

General Slangenburg concludes his Letter thus, I assure your High Mightinesses, that all the Troops, Horse, Dragoons, and Foot, fought with indefatigable Valour. And must do that Justice to Count Tilly, General Fagel, the Count of West Friseland, the Count de Nar, and Colonel Ivoy, in Particular, and to the Majors General Brigadiers and Colonels in General, to acknowledge that they distinguish'd themselves very eminently in this trying Action. The Enemies were treble our Number, yet their Loss is greater than ours, they retir'd in disorder, they left us the Field of Battel: Whereas we retir'd leisurely, and came hither in good Order. The Night after the Battel, General Coehorn came over to Lillo with some Regiments, but return'd yesterday to the other side of the Schelde, &c. I am sorry we have lost a great many brave Men, besides what were taken Prisoners; nor are our Wounded few in Number. But not having yet a compleat List, I will send it as soon as is possible to your High Mightinesses, with several Standards, Colours, and Kettle Drums, 1 Standard and 1 piece of Cannon were taken by the Regiment I command.

Hague, July 10. Lieutenant General Fagel is come hither to be cur'd of his Wounds. The States have made Baron Spaar Governour of Sas van Ghent, in the room of Monsieur Vassy kill'd in the late Action at Stekene.

The French have burnt several Herring-Busses of Enckhuysen in a Bay in Hittland.

The Inhabitants of the Country of Waes have, 'tis said, agreed to pay General Coehorn 150000 Guilders Contributions, and to level the Lines and Forts for 2 Miles in length. That General, and Baron Spaar, are posted together about Liefkenshoek over against Lillo.

*Te Deum* has been Sung at Brussels, for the Advantage the Enemy pretend they gain'd in the Battle of Eckeren. And the Forces encamp'd at Lillo have fir'd their Artillery, for their real good Success in that Engagement.

The Army commanded by the Duke of Marlborough was encamp'd at Vorselaer near Turnhout on the 9th. His Grace is at Breda, where a Conference was to be held on the 10th with most of the General Officers and the Deputies of the States. And on the 11th his Grace was expected to return to the Camp.

The Harlem Courant, in the Article from the Hague of the 8th, says, some Letters advis'd that the Marshal de Villeroy intended to come out of his Lines with his Army and encamp at Westmael. In that from Amsterdam of the 9th, That the Marquis de Bedmar is march'd out of the Lines about Ant-

werp to joyn the Marshal de Villeroy. And in that from the Hague of the 9th, That the French Army is come out of their Lines.

Deale, July 1. Yesterday Morning came in Her Majesty's Ship the Nonfuch from Rear Admiral Beaumont, and immediately after sail'd with the Antelope and the Galleon, laden with Provisions, &c. to the Westward: And this day came in Her Majesty's Ship the Rochester, from Rear Admiral Beaumont's Squadron lying before Dunkirk.

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